

What is claimed is:

1. An inhaler comprising:

a sealed reservoir including a dispensing port;

a channel communicating with the dispensing port and including a pressure

5 relief port;

a conduit providing fluid communication between an interior of the sealed reservoir and the pressure relief port of the channel;

a cup assembly movably received in the channel and including,

a recess adapted to receive medicament when aligned with the

10 dispensing port,

a first sealing surface adapted to seal the dispensing port when the recess is unaligned with the dispensing port, and

a second sealing surface adapted to sealing the pressure relief port when the recess is aligned with the dispensing port and unseal the pressure relief port

15 when the recess is unaligned with the dispensing port.

2. An inhaler according to claim 1, wherein the cup assembly includes a sealing spring biasing the first sealing surface against the reservoir.

3. An inhaler according to claim 1, wherein the reservoir includes a collapsible bellows adapted to increase pressure within the interior of the reservoir upon
20 being collapsed, when the pressure relief port is sealed.

4. An inhaler according to claim 1, wherein the cup assembly includes a cup received in a cup sled movable within the channel, the cup defining the recess and the first sealing surface, and the sled defining the second sealing surface.

5. An inhaler according to claim 4, wherein the sled defines an indentation
25 adapted to align with and unseal the pressure relief port when the first sealing surface is aligned with the dispenser port.

6. An inhaler according to claim 4, wherein the cup assembly includes a sealing spring between the cup and the cup sled, biasing the first sealing surface of the cup against the reservoir.

30 7. An inhaler according to claim 1, wherein the channel extends linearly and the cup assembly is movable in opposing directions within the channel.

8. An inhaler according to claim 1, further comprising:
a cup spring biasing the cup assembly along the channel; and
a yoke movable between at least two positions and including a ratchet
35 engaging the cup assembly and preventing movement of the cup assembly when the yoke is in one of the positions and allowing movement of the cup when the yoke is in another of the positions.

9. An inhaler according to claim 8, wherein the cup spring biases the cup assembly to a position wherein the recess is unaligned with the dispensing port of the
40 reservoir.

10. An inhaler according to claim 9, wherein the yoke further includes a push bar adapted to align the recess of the cup assembly with the dispensing port upon movement of the yoke to one of the positions.

11. An inhaler according to claim 9, further comprising:
45 at least one movable cam including at least two successive cam surfaces;
and

a spring biasing the yoke against the cam such that movement of the cam causes the yoke to successively engage the cam surfaces and move the yoke between the at least two positions of the yoke.

50 12. An inhaler according to claim 11, wherein the cam includes three successive cam surfaces for moving the yoke between three positions, wherein the ratchet is adapted to hold the recess unaligned with the dispensing port when the yoke is in a first and a second of the three positions, and allow movement of the cup assembly when the yoke is in a third of the three positions.

